

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 4 has been changed to indicate in block form the possible use of an ascending nitrification filter of claim 3 and the biological disks of claim 4.

Attachment: Replacement Figure 4

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Office Action and prior art relied upon have been carefully considered. In an effort to expedite the prosecution a substitute abstract is being provided as well as heading to the specification as required in paragraph 1 of the Office Action.

Regarding the drawing objections in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Fig 4 is being changed to indicate in block form the possible use of an ascending nitrification filter of claim 3 and the biological disks of claim 4. The actual construction of each, *per se*, is well known in the prior art as evidenced by Attachments 1 and 2 corresponding to pages 733 and 314 of the 1991 publication Water Treatment Handbook.

The limitation in claim 9 regarding a reed bed has been deleted from the claim so that it need not be shown in the Figures. However, the specification has been amended on page 10, line 31 and page 11, line 1 to note the English language version (Australian Patent) of the previously referenced French patent that discloses the reed bed as prior art. The Examiner recognized this correspondence of the Australian and French patents on page 4, paragraph 6 of the Office Action.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, the informalities mentioned have been attended to so that further rejection under this ground is not anticipated.

Applicant notes on page 3, paragraph 5 that claims 1-9 are allowable over the prior art. Claim 10 has been added and depends from allowable claim 9, claim 10 particularizing the biological treatment as performed on a bacterial bed. Accordingly, with the rectifications provided in this amendment the application should now be allowed.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21029-00308-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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